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Customer No. 22,852

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Brett HAARALA, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3763  
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Serial No.: 09/690,473 ) Examiner: M. Hayes  
)  
Filed: October 18, 2000 )  
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For: GUIDEWIRE COMPATIBLE PORT )  
AND METHOD FOR INSERTING )  
SAME )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated May 29, 2001, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I: claims 10-12; Group II: claims 23-27, and 35-42; and Group III: claim 44.

In addition to this restriction requirement, the Examiner required an election between the following alleged species:

Species I: Figures 2-6;  
Species II: Figures 7-9;  
Species III: Figures 10 and 11;  
Species IV: Figures 12-14;  
Species V: Figures 15 and 16;  
Species VI: Figures 17-19;  
Species VII: Figures 20-22;  
Species IIX: Figures 23 and 24;  
Species IX: Figures 25-27;  
Species X: Figures 28 and 29; and  
Species XI: Figures 30 and 31.

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Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 10-12.

In addition, Applicants provisionally elect Species II (Figs. 7-9). The following claims are readable on the elected species: 10-12.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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